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## Companies fined \$1 million for violations of CA efficiency regulations



The California Energy Commission (CEC) negotiated settlements with 15 companies in 2016 for violations of energy and water efficiency regulations. Products found to be in violation included wine chillers, spas, kitchen faucets, and robotic vacuum battery chargers. CEC fined companies for incorrectly listing products in the CEC database, failure to mark or label products as required, and failure to meet the efficiency standards. The settlement amounts ranged from \$366 to \$120,000 and totaled over \$800,000. Two additional cases were settled to date in 2017 totaling over \$200,000.

The settlement amounts varied according to the number of violations; number of models; persistence, nature, and seriousness of the violation; and cooperation with the investigation, among other criteria. CEC learned of the violations through product testing, consumers, competitors, and at least in one case, the company itself. For more information, see the [CEC enforcement page](#).